

**REMARKS**

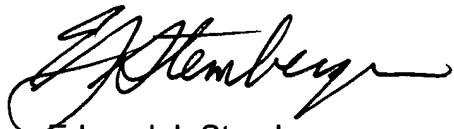
Reconsideration and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 14-16 have been canceled. Claims 2-12 and 17-20 remain pending.

Claims 2-12 and 17-20 have been allowed.

Thus, to place this application in condition for allowance expeditiously, rejected claims 14-16 have been canceled.

Since this application is in condition for allowance, a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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